

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 to 7. (Canceled).

8. (Currently Amended) A sheathed-element glow plug for an internal combustion engine, comprising:  
a plug housing;  
a connection part for the electrical current which is situated on the plug housing;

a tube having an embedded heating element, the connection part and the embedded heating element being electrically coupled via a terminal pin and a contact element;

wherein the terminal pin and the contact element are at least partially surrounded within the housing by an electrically insulating plastic sleeve, ~~the contact element having a cylindrical shape~~, and

wherein a sheathing of the contact element is completely surrounded by the plastic sleeve, the plastic sleeve having elastic properties and resting against an interior wall of the housing as a clamping sleeve.

Claims 9 to 10. (Canceled).

11. (Previously Presented) The sheathed-element glow plug of claim 8, wherein the plastic sleeve is formed from a plurality of pieces.

12. (Previously Presented) The sheathed-element glow plug of claim 8, wherein the contact element is elastic.

13. (Currently Amended) The sheathed-element glow plug of claim 8, wherein the contact element has a cylindrical form and is a graphite tablet.